



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL WEEKEND

- WHEREAS: Continuing a 46-year tradition of honoring Georgia's Scottish heritage and furthering international recognition and trade to our state, the annual Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival will be held at Stone Mountain on October 19 -21, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: The Scottish Festival attracts thousands of visitors to Georgia from around the world, with more than 100 Scottish societies participating in traditional piping and drumming, Highland dancing, Scottish harp and athletic competitions, as well as band performances and Scottish country dances; and
- WHEREAS: One of the unique events in Georgia's history was the emigration of Scottish Highlanders to colonial Georgia in 1736 after James Oglethorpe determined the need for a fortified town in the area of old Fort King George on the Altamaha River on the southeastern frontier; and
- WHEREAS: Oglethorpe sent Captain Hugh MacKay and Captain George Dunbar to recruit Highland warriors because they were known to be resilient when faced with hardship and willing to become frontier farmer-soldiers. Some of the first clans to settle in Georgia were the McIntoshes, the MacKays, the McDonalds, the Morrisons, the Sutherlands, the McLeods and the Munros; and
- WHEREAS: During this time, we recognize the rich historical heritage of Scottish settlers and their contributions for the successful development of Georgia and its culture; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 19-21, 2018, as SCOTTISH FESTIVAL WEEKEND in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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